

# Acknowledged broadcasting and gossiping in ad hoc radio networks

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## Abstract

A radio network is a collection of transmitter–receiver devices (referred to as nodes). Acknowledged radio broadcasting (ARB) means transmitting a message from one special node called the source to all other nodes and informing the source about its completion. In our model, each node takes a synchronization per round and performs transmission or reception at one round. Each node does not have a collision detection capability, and knows only its own ID. In [B.S. Chlebus, L. Gasieniec, A.M. Gibbons, A. Pelc, W. Rytter, Deterministic broadcasting in ad hoc radio networks, *Distributed Computing* 15 (2002) 27–38], it is proved that no ARB algorithm exists in the model without collision detection. In this paper, we show that if  $n \geq 2$ , where  $n$  is the number of nodes in the network, we can construct ARB algorithms in  $O(n)$  rounds for bidirectional graphs and in  $O(n^{4/3} \log^{10/3} n)$  rounds for strongly connected graphs and construct acknowledged radio gossiping (ARG) algorithms in  $O(n \log^3 n)$  rounds for bidirectional graphs and in  $O(n^{4/3} \log^{10/3} n)$  rounds for strongly connected graphs without collision detection.

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## 1. Introduction

A radio network is a collection of transmitter–receiver devices (denoted as nodes). Each node can transmit data to the nodes that exist within its transmitting capability region. A radio network can be modeled by a directed graph (we simply call it graph)  $G = (V, E)$  called a *reachability graph*, where  $V$  denotes a set of nodes and when a node  $u$  can transmit to a node  $v$ , there exists an edge  $(u, v) \in E$ . If  $(u, v) \in E$ ,  $u$  is called an *in-neighbor* of  $v$ , and  $v$  is called an *out-neighbor* of  $u$ . If the power of every transmitter is the same, then the reachability graph is bidirectional,<sup>1</sup> that is, if there is an edge from node  $u$  to node  $v$ , then there exists the edge from  $v$  to  $u$ , and vice versa.

We assume that all nodes in a radio network have access to a global clock (like GPS) and work synchronously in discrete time steps, called rounds. At every round, each node transmits data or receives data. A node acting as a receiver in a given round gets a message iff exactly one of its in-neighbors transmits in this round. If at least two in-neighbors  $v$  and  $v'$  of  $u$  transmit simultaneously in a given round, none of the messages is received by  $u$  in this round.

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<sup>1</sup> Bidirectional is also called symmetric in [3].

In this case we say that a conflict or a collision occurred at  $u$ . When a collision occurs, two cases are considered:  $u$  notices the occurrence of a collision (i.e. it has collision detection), and  $u$  cannot distinguish between the background noise and the interference noise. It depends on its capability whether a node can detect a collision or not.

One of the fundamental tasks in network communication is radio broadcasting (RB). Its goal is to transmit a message from one node of the network, called the source, to all other nodes. The message which is disseminated is called the source message. Remote nodes get the source message via intermediate nodes, along directed paths in the network. In an acknowledged radio broadcasting (ARB) the goal is not only to achieve RB but also to inform the source about the completion of the RB. This may be essential, e.g., when the source has several messages to disseminate, none of the nodes should receive the next message until all nodes get the previous one [3]. Another task is radio gossiping (RG), which broadcasts the message of each node to all other nodes. We also consider the task of acknowledged radio gossiping (ARG) which achieves RG and informs every node about the completion of the RG.

In this paper, we consider the standard model of unknown radio networks, called the ad hoc radio network model. We assume that each node does not know any information of the network (e.g. its neighbor, the number of nodes, and the topology). The network is assumed to have a fixed topology during the execution of algorithms. However, since no information of the network is used in our algorithms, they can be applied to networks with any topology. We evaluate algorithms with the number of rounds used to complete the tasks.

### 1.1. Previous results

The standard collision-free communication procedure for ad hoc radio networks is called *Round Robin* [7]. Round Robin contains  $n$  rounds. In the  $i$ th round, the node with identifier  $i$  transmits its whole knowledge to all its out-neighbors. In every round, at most one node acts as a transmitter; hence collisions are avoided. Round Robin is used as a subroutine in many RB and RG algorithms. An RG completes in  $O(n^2)$  rounds, where  $n$  is the number of nodes.

There are two situations for communication procedures in radio networks: one is that the nodes have full knowledge of the network (such as the topology of the network, the number of the nodes in the network, IDs of the neighbors etc.), the other is that nodes are ignorant of the network information. Various algorithms are studied in radio networks, e.g. the centralized algorithms with the mechanism in which all the nodes are concentrated and managed, and the distributed algorithms without such a mechanism; the deterministic algorithms whose process become settled uniquely, and randomized algorithms which are not so [1–11].

Under the assumption that the nodes have full knowledge of the network, in [1] the authors proved the existence of a family of  $n$ -node networks of radius 2, for which any broadcast requires  $\Omega(\log^2 n)$  time, while in [6] it was proved that broadcasting can be done in  $O(D + \log^5 n)$  time for any  $n$ -node network of diameter  $D$ .

Hereafter, we assume that the nodes have neither the knowledge of the network nor the knowledge of their neighborhood.

For randomized algorithms, the lower bound of  $\Omega(D \cdot \log(n/D))$  for bidirectional graphs is shown by Kushilevitz and Mansour [10], and the lower bound of  $\Omega(\log^2 n)$  for constant diameter networks is obtained by Alon et al. [1].

For deterministic distributed algorithms, on the model without collision detection, Chlebus et al. have presented an optimal linear-time broadcasting protocol for bidirectional ad hoc radio networks [3]. Also, on the model with collision detection, they presented an  $O(r \cdot ecc)$ -time RB algorithm for arbitrary graphs, an  $O(n)$ -time ARB algorithm for bidirectional graphs, and an  $O(n \cdot ecc)$ -time ARB algorithm for strongly connected graphs, where  $ecc$  is the maximum distance from the source. It is not easier to solve a problem for arbitrary directional graphs than for bidirectional ones. Note that on the model without collision detection there does not exist any algorithm for ARB, even for bidirectional graphs [3]. The best,  $O(n^{4/3} \log^{10/3} n)$  time, gossiping algorithm for strongly connected graphs is shown in [8].

With respect to the lower bounds of deterministic RB, the lower bound of  $\Omega(n)$  for bidirectional graphs [9] and the lower bound of  $\Omega(n \log n)$  for arbitrary graphs [2] are shown.

Table 1 shows the results we discussed above. All these results are obtained from deterministic algorithms under the same radio network model.

### 1.2. Our results

In this paper, we consider the ARB and the ARG algorithms on the model of ad hoc radio networks without collision detection. As we mentioned on the model without collision detection, there does not exist any ARB algorithm even

Table 1

Previous results and ours\* (Deterministic and Distributed)

Problem	Collision detection	Graphs	Computation time
RB	without	bidirectional	$O(n)$ [3]
			$\Omega(n)$ [9]
		arbitrary	$O(n \log^2 ecc)$ [5]
			$\Omega(n \log n)$ [2]
	with	bidirectional	$O(r + ecc)$ [11]
		strongly connected	$O(n \log^2 ecc)$ [5]
		arbitrary	$O(r \cdot ecc)$ [3]
RG	without	strongly connected	$O(n^{\frac{4}{3}} \log^{\frac{10}{3}} n)$ [8]
ARB	without	bidirectional	algorithm does not exist [3]
		bidirectional ( $n \geq 2$ )	$O(n)^*$
		strongly connected ( $n \geq 2$ )	$O(n^{\frac{4}{3}} \log^{\frac{10}{3}} n)^*$
	with	bidirectional	$O(n)$ [3]
			$O(r + ecc)$ [11]
		strongly connected	$O(n \cdot ecc)$ [3]
ARG	without	bidirectional ( $n \geq 2$ )	$O(n \log^3 n)^*$
		strongly connected ( $n \geq 2$ )	$O(n^{\frac{4}{3}} \log^{\frac{10}{3}} n)^*$

( $n$ : number of nodes,  $ecc$ : largest distance from the source,  $r$ : length of the source message, \*: our result)

for bidirectional graphs [3], which is proved by using a special case: when the source does not receive any message about the completion of the RB, the source cannot distinguish between the situations that the network has only one source node (thus the source does not receive any message) and that at least two in-neighbors of the source transmit some messages (thus collision occurs).

If we assume that each node knows the number of nodes or its in-neighbors in the network, RB algorithms can be easily modified to ARB ones. It is interesting to know some weakest conditions needed for performing an ARB. In this paper, we show that if the network contains at least two nodes, we can construct ARB algorithms for bidirectional graphs and strongly connected graphs, even under the assumptions that the network has no collision detection and each node knows only its ID.

The computation time of our ARB algorithm for bidirectional graphs is the same as the existing best RB algorithm, which uses  $O(n)$  rounds. The computation time of our ARB algorithm for strongly connected graphs is  $O(6n + \sum_{i=1}^{\lceil \log n \rceil} \{2 \cdot RB(2^i) + RG(2^i)\})$ , where  $RB(n)$  and  $RG(n)$  is the number of rounds which an RB and an RG requires for  $n$ -node strongly connected graphs, respectively. It becomes  $O(n^{4/3} \log^{10/3} n)$  when using the  $O(n^{4/3} \log^{10/3} n)$ -time gossiping algorithm from [8].

In addition, we consider ARG algorithms. We show that our ARB algorithms can be extended to ARG algorithms for both bidirectional graphs and strongly connected graphs. Our ARB algorithm for bidirectional graphs needs a leader, and we use the source node to be the leader in the algorithm. In ARG, since no source node is given, we need to elect a leader for ARG when we extend the ARB algorithm to an ARG algorithm. For strongly connected graphs, our ARB algorithm does not need a leader; therefore, in this case, the ARB algorithm can be extended to an ARG algorithm directly. The computation time of the extended ARG algorithms is  $O(n + \sum_{i=1}^{\lceil \log n \rceil} \{LE(2^i)\})$  for

bidirectional graphs and  $O(6n + \sum_{i=1}^{\lceil \log n \rceil} \{RB(2^i) + 2 \cdot RG(2^i)\})$  for strongly connected graphs, respectively, where  $LE(n)$  denotes the number of the rounds needed to elect a leader for  $n$ -node bidirectional graphs. The computation times of ARG algorithms become  $O(n \log^3 n)$  and  $O(n^{4/3} \log^{10/3} n)$ , respectively, by using the  $O(n \log^3 n)$ -time leader election algorithm from [4] and the  $O(n^{4/3} \log^{10/3} n)$ -time gossiping algorithm from [8]. Our results are also summarized in Table 1.

## 2. Model and definitions

In this paper, we consider the radio networks without a collision detection. We describe the model of radio networks:

- The knowledge of every node is limited to its own ID.
- Each node knows whether it itself is a source or not in broadcasting.
- Nodes in the radio network work per round synchronized by a global clock.
- In every round, each node acts either as a transmitter or as a receiver.
- A node acting as a receiver in a given round gets a message iff exactly one of its in-neighbors transmits in this round.
- If more than one in-neighbor transmits simultaneously in a given round, collision occurs and none of the messages is received in this round.
- A node cannot notice the occurrence of a collision (i.e. without collision detection).

For simplicity, we assume that each node is labeled with distinct integers between 1 and  $n$  in an  $n$ -node network. But note that all our arguments hold if the labels are distinct integers between 1 and  $Z = O(n)$ , and we do not use the property that the labels are in  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ .

## 3. ARB and ARG in bidirectional graphs

In this section, we describe ARB and ARG algorithms for bidirectional graphs where the number of nodes in the network is at least 2. First, we describe the overview of our algorithms, secondly we show an ARB algorithm and then modify it to an ARG algorithm.

### 3.1. Overview of our algorithm

We organize the algorithms into phases. Each node judges whether ARB or ARG has ended in each phase, and if the task has not ended, proceeds to the next phase. The main idea of our algorithms is that, in the  $k$ th phase,  $2^k$  nodes will confirm their in-neighbors. In the  $k$ th phase, first the in-neighbors of any node  $v$  whose IDs are no more than  $2^k$  send their own IDs; thus the node  $v$  can recognize those in-neighbors' IDs that are no more than  $2^k$ . Then, in the same phase, the node whose ID is the minimum one among the in-neighbors with IDs no more than  $2^k$ , and nodes whose IDs are more than  $2^k$  send their IDs simultaneously. If the node  $v$  receives the minimum ID (i.e. collision does not occur), it recognizes that it knows all of the in-neighbors in this phase. It is easy to perform the ARB if every node knows all of its in-neighbors. If the node  $v$  does not receive the minimum ID (i.e. collision occurs),  $v$  recognizes that it does not know all of the in-neighbors, and in this case the algorithm performs the next phase.

### 3.2. Algorithm bi-ARB

We show an ARB algorithm named bi-ARB for bidirectional graphs in an  $n$ -node radio network, where  $n \geq 2$ .

Algorithm bi-ARB works phase by phase, these being numbered by consecutive positive integers. Phase  $k$  lasts  $9 \cdot 2^{k-1}$  rounds and is divided into four stages. Stage A consists of  $2^{k-1}$  rounds, Stage B consists of  $2^k$  rounds, Stage C consists of  $2^k$  rounds, and Stage D consists of  $2^{k+1}$  rounds. We denote the ID of node  $v$  as  $ID(v)$ . We define the following notations.

- $L_k$ : the set of nodes with IDs in  $\{1, \dots, 2^k\}$ .
- $G_k$ : the connected component containing the source of the network induced by  $L_k$ .  $G_k = \phi$  if the ID of the source node is larger than  $2^k$ .

- $N_v^k$ : the set of IDs smaller than or equal to  $2^k$  from the in-neighbors of node  $v$ .
- $\min(N_v^k)$ : the minimum ID in  $N_v^k$ . If  $N_v^k = \phi$ ,  $\min(N_v^k) = \perp$ .
- $Q_v$ : the set of  $v$ 's out-neighbors in  $G_k$  which were not yet visited by the token (mentioned in the algorithm).  $Q_v$  is initialized to  $N_v^k$ .

Note that in bidirectional graphs, the in-neighbors of each node  $v$  are the same as the out-neighbors of  $v$ .

Informally, we show the algorithm working for phase  $k$ . Stage A is a Round Robin, which intends to let each node  $v$  know its in-neighbors (and out-neighbors), whose IDs are at most  $2^k$  ( $N_v^k$ ). In Stage B each node  $v$  in  $L_k$  sends  $\min(N_v^k)$ , which will be the only node from among in-neighbors of  $v$  that can transmit to  $v$  in the next stage C. Stage C is used to judge whether the node  $v$  of  $G_k$  knows all of its in-neighbors or not. In Stage C, the node whose ID is  $\min(N_v^k)$  and nodes not in  $L_k$  send their IDs; then according to whether receiving  $\min(N_v^k)$  or not every node  $v$  in  $G_k$  recognizes whether it knows all its in-neighbors or not. In Stage D, the source node in  $G_k$  broadcasts the source message to every node of  $G_k$ . At this stage, the source node also collects the information as to whether each node in  $G_k$  knows all its in-neighbors. The source node can thereby confirm the completion of RB. We use the broadcast algorithm shown in [3] in this stage.

**bi-ARB** Phase 0 consists of one round; the node with ID 1 (if it possibly exists) acts as a transmitter and sends its ID in this phase. The other nodes act as receivers.

Hereafter, we explain phase  $k > 0$ , of bi-ARB.

*Stage A.* The rounds in Stage A of phase  $k$  are numbered by integers  $2^{k-1} + 1, \dots, 2^{k-1} + 2^k - 1$ . In round number  $i$  of Stage A, only the node  $v$  with ID  $i$  acts as a transmitter and sends a message  $\text{ID}(v)$ .

*Stage B.* The rounds of this stage are numbered by integers  $1, \dots, 2^k$ . In round  $i$  of Stage B, only the node  $v$  with ID  $i$  acts as a transmitter and sends a message  $\min(N_v^k)$ . If  $\min(N_v^k) = \perp$ , then the node  $v$  sends no message. The node  $w$  that receives  $\min(N_v^k)$  stores it if  $\text{ID}(w) = \min(N_v^k)$ .

*Stage C.* The rounds in Stage C of phase  $k$  are numbered by integers  $1, \dots, 2^k$ . In round  $i$  of Stage C, the node  $v$  with ID  $i$  acts as a receiver. The node with ID  $= \min(N_v^k)$  acts as a transmitter and sends its ID and all the nodes whose IDs are larger than  $2^k$  (not only in-neighbors of  $v$ ), also sending their own IDs in the round.

Every node  $v$  not receiving  $\min(N_v^k)$  in the round  $\text{ID}(v)$ , is set to the state **warned**, which means that  $v$  does not know all its in-neighbors, or in other words,  $v$  has the in-neighbors whose IDs are larger than  $2^k$ .

*Stage D.* The rounds in Stage D of phase  $k$  are numbered by integers  $1, \dots, 2^{k+1}$ . The source initiates Stage D if its ID is less than or equal to  $2^k$ . Otherwise, all nodes do nothing in these  $2^{k+1}$  rounds. We use a message called a token. At the beginning of this stage, every node  $v \in G_k$  knows its out-neighbor  $N_v^k$  in  $G_k$ , and maintains a list  $Q_v$  containing the set of its out-neighbors in  $G_k$  which were not yet visited by the token.

When a **warned** node sends the token to an out-neighbor, it appends a **warning** message to the token, and the out-neighbor getting the token becomes **warned**.

When node  $v$  gets the token, it acts as follows:

- step 1. Node  $v$  sends the message  $\langle \text{ID}(v), \text{visited} \rangle$ . If a node  $u$  receives the message, it removes  $v$  from the list  $Q_u$ .
- step 2. Node  $v$  sends the token  $\langle \text{source message}, \text{ID}(w), (\text{warning}) \rangle$  to the following node  $w$ :
  - (i) If  $Q_v = \phi$ ,  $w$  is the node from which  $v$  got the message in step 1 for the first time.
  - (ii) If  $Q_v \neq \phi$ ,  $w$  is the node with the smallest ID in the list  $Q_v$ .

the messages are concatenated and are sent in a single round. A node  $w$  which gets the token repeats the procedure of step 1 and step 2.

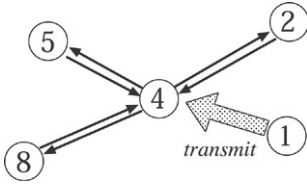
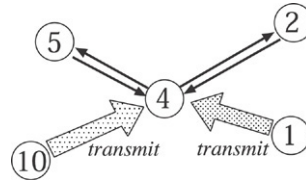
If, at the end of phase  $k$ , the source is **warned**, it knows that the RB has not been completed, and proceeds to the next phase. Otherwise the algorithm terminates.

In [Appendix](#), we give the pseudocode of bi-ARB that each node executes.

### 3.2.1. Correctness of algorithm bi-ARB

**Lemma 1.** *The following invariants are maintained after phase  $k$  of bi-ARB, for any positive integer  $k$ .*

- Every node  $v$  knows the  $N_v^k$ , the set of IDs at most  $2^k$  from the in-neighbors (and out-neighbors) of  $v$ .
- Every node in  $G_k$  knows the source message, if  $G_k$  contains the source node.

Fig. 1. Knowing all in-neighbors ( $k = 3$ ).Fig. 2. Otherwise ( $k = 3$ ).

**Proof.** In phase  $k = 0$ ,  $G_k$  contains only the source node if its ID equals 1, and  $N_v^k = \phi$ . Therefore, Lemma 1 holds obviously in this case.

Assume that the invariants hold after phase  $k - 1$ ,  $k \geq 1$ . We show that the invariants are maintained after phase  $k$ .

In Stage A of phase  $k$ , the nodes whose IDs are between  $2^{k-1}$  and  $2^k$  transmit their IDs. In every round, exactly one node acts as a transmitter and the other nodes act as receivers, hence collisions are avoided. Any node  $v$  has already known  $N_v^{k-1}$  after phase  $k - 1$  from the assumption, and  $v$  learns  $N_v^k - N_v^{k-1}$  the remaining neighbors in  $G_k$  during phase  $k$ .

In Stage D, if  $G_k$  contains the source node, the token is patrolled from the source node to all nodes in  $G_k$ . At the beginning of Stage D, the token is in the source node. It visits each node of  $G_k$  from the source node in depth-first order. When node  $v$  gets the token, it sends the token with the source message, and its ID to its out-neighbors which have not received the token yet, following the Eulerian cycle  $C_k$  of a spanning tree of  $G_k$  as follows:  $Q_v$  is the set of out-neighbors of  $v$  in  $G_k$  which have not yet been visited by the token. The node  $v$  that receives the token has to send the message  $\langle \text{ID}(v), \text{visited} \rangle$  to its in-neighbors, node  $w$  that receives the message removes  $v$  from the list  $Q_w$ . If  $v$  has the neighbors which have not been visited by the token, it passes the token to the one with the smallest ID. Else,  $v$  returns the token to the node from which it got the token for the first time. In Stage A, every node  $v$  in  $G_k$  knows its out-neighbors in  $G_k$ , so the token patrols every node in  $G_k$  and finally returns to the source.  $\square$

**Theorem 1.** Algorithm bi-ARB performs an ARB in time  $O(n)$ , for any  $n$ -node bidirectional graph with  $n \geq 2$ .

**Proof.** Let  $l$  be such that  $2^{l-1} < n \leq 2^l$ . It is sufficient to show that

- (1) After phase  $l$ , all nodes of the network get the source message.
- (2) At the end of phase  $l$  the source is not **warned**.

In order to prove (1), consider phase  $l$ . Since  $G_l$  is the entire network, (1) follows from Lemma 1. The number of the rounds needed for this algorithm is at most  $\sum_{i=1}^l 9 \cdot 2^{i-1} \leq 9 \cdot 2^l \leq 18n$ .

We prove (2). At the end of Stage A, each node  $v$  knows  $N_v^k$ . It sends  $\min(N_v^k)$  in round  $i = \text{ID}(v)$  of Stage B. The node  $w$  receiving  $\min(N_v^k)$  memorizes the number of the round if  $\text{ID}(w) = \min(N_v^k)$ ; otherwise ignores the message. Thus, in round  $i$  of Stage C, only the node with ID  $i$  can act as the transmitter.

A node in  $G_k$  recognizes whether it knows all its in-neighbors in Stage C. In round  $i$  of this stage for the node  $v$  with ID  $i$ , the node with  $\text{ID} = \min(N_v^k)$  and the nodes with IDs larger than  $2^k$  send their own IDs. Therefore, the node  $v$  having in-neighbors with ID larger than  $2^k$  cannot receive  $\min(N_v^k)$  in round  $\text{ID}(v)$  due to a collision. Then  $v$  recognizes that it does not know all in-neighbors, and becomes **warned**. If  $v$  knows all in-neighbors, it can receive  $\min(N_v^k)$  and will not become **warned**. Fig. 1 shows the case where a node knows all in-neighbors, and Fig. 2 shows the other case in round 4 of phase 3, where the number of node represents its ID.

Consider phase  $l$ . Since there is no node whose ID is larger than  $2^l$ , each node  $v$  can receive  $\min(N_v^k)$  in the round  $\text{ID}(v)$  in Stage C. Therefore no node becomes **warned** in Stage D. Hence the source node is not **warned** at the end of phase  $l$ .  $\square$

**Message size.** Let  $S$  be the maximum length of the message transmitted each time, and let  $r$  be the length of the source message. In Stages A, B, and C, each node transmits at most one ID respectively, and thus  $S = O(\log n)$ . In Stage D, each node transmits message  $\langle \text{ID}(v), \text{visited} \rangle$  and the token  $\langle \text{source message}, \text{ID}(w), (\text{warning}) \rangle$ ; thus  $S = O(r + \log n)$ . Hence the maximum message size is at most  $O(r + \log n)$  for algorithm bi-ARB.

### 3.3. Algorithm bi-ARG

The ARG algorithm bi-ARG for bidirectional graphs is obtained by changing a part of bi-ARB.



Algorithm bi-ARG works in phases, numbered by consecutive positive integers in a manner similar to bi-ARB. Each phase consists of four stages A, B, C, and D. Stage A, B, and C are the same as those of algorithm bi-ARB, but Stage D is different. It needs a leader election procedure, and an extra token for patrolling. Recall that in bi-ARB, the source node is used to be the starting point of the token patrolling. Furthermore, each node knows whether it itself is a source or not. But a source node does not exist for ARG. We have to elect one leader for each connected component induced by  $L_k$ , so that the token patrolling can be performed in each component. We use a leader election procedure. The leader of each connected component acts as an initiator and makes the token patrol twice in its connected component in Stage D. In the first patrol, the leader of each connected component collects the messages which each node has and **warning** messages from the nodes to the leader (the same as that in bi-ARB); then, in the second patrol, it disseminates the messages which were collected in the first patrol to all the nodes in the component. This any node knows whether RG has been completed or not.

In order to use a leader election algorithm, each node must know the completion time of the algorithm, since the leader election procedure must finish in each phase of bi-ARG.

For example, we can use the algorithm FIND MAX shown in [4] as a leader election procedure. The algorithm FIND MAX elects a leader by calculating the maximum ID on a strongly connected graph, under the assumption that each node knows the upper bound of IDs of nodes in the network. Moreover, if each node knows (the upper bound of) the number of nodes  $n$  in the network, it can compute the completion time of FIND MAX, which is  $cn \log^3 n$  for some known constant  $c$ . Algorithm FIND MAX finds the leader based on binary search. At each step, all nodes know that the minimum ID (the node having this ID is elected as a leader) among all nodes is between  $a$  and  $b$  by broadcasting a message, where  $a \leq b$ . Initially  $a = 0$  and  $b = n$ . If  $a = b$ , then the minimum ID is equal to  $a$ , and the computation of the minimum ID is complete. In each phase, we use this algorithm to elect a leader for each connected component. In phase  $k$ , the upper bound of IDs and that of the number of nodes in the connected components induced by  $L_k$  is known to be  $2^k$ .

**Theorem 2.** *Algorithm bi-ARG performs an ARG in time  $O(n + \sum_{i=1}^{\lceil \log n \rceil} \{LE(2^i)\})$ , for any bidirectional graph with  $n \geq 2$ , where  $LE(k)$  denotes the number of the rounds of any leader election algorithm for  $k$ -node bidirectional graphs in which each node knows the completion time.*

We obtain the following corollary from Theorem 2 using the  $O(n \log^3 n)$ -time leader election algorithm FIND MAX.

**Corollary 1.** *Algorithm bi-ARG performs ARG in time  $O(n \log^3 n)$ , for any bidirectional graph with  $n \geq 2$ .*

$$\left( \begin{aligned} \cdot \cdot \sum_{i=1}^{\lceil \log n \rceil} 2^i \log^3 2^i &\leq 2(2^{\lceil \log n \rceil} - 1) \cdot (\log n + 1)^3 \\ &\leq 2(2n - 2) \cdot (\log n + 1)^3 \end{aligned} \right).$$

Our algorithm bi-ARG is improvable if more efficient leader election algorithms can be designed for bidirectional graphs under the condition that each node knows the maximum of IDs and  $n$ .

**Message size.** Let  $S$  be the maximum length of the message transmitted each time, and let  $r$  be the length of the message each node has. In Stage A, B, and C,  $S = O(\log n)$  which are the same as that of bi-ARB. In Stage D, first  $S = O(\log n)$  for the leader election procedure FIND MAX [4]. Next, each node adds its own message to the token,  $S = O(rn + \log n)$ . Hence the maximum message size is at most  $O(rn + \log n)$  for algorithm bi-ARG.

## 4. ARB and ARG in strongly connected graphs

### 4.1. Algorithm st-ARB

The ARB algorithm st-ARB for strongly connected graphs is obtained by changing a part of bi-ARB.

Algorithm st-ARB works in phases, which are numbered by consecutive positive integers. Every phase starts in the round following the end of the previous phase. Phase  $k (> 0)$  lasts  $3 \cdot 2^{k-1} + 2 \cdot RB(2^k) + RG(2^k)$  rounds, divided into four stages. Stage A consists of  $2^{k-1}$  rounds, Stage B consists of  $RG(2^k)$  rounds, Stage C consists of  $2^k$  rounds, and Stage D consists of  $2 \cdot RB(2^k)$  rounds.

Here we show the outline of this algorithm in phase  $k$ . Stages A and C of st-ARB are the same as those of bi-ARB, and the purpose of Stages B and D also does not change. Although in bidirectional graphs a node  $v$  can transmit

$\min(N_v^k)$  to its in-neighbor  $w$  whose  $ID = \min(N_v^k)$ , because the in-neighbors of  $v$  are also its out-neighbors, node  $v$  cannot do that in strongly connected graphs since  $w$  may not be an out-neighbor of  $v$ . To do this,  $v$  must gossip on the subgraph induced by  $L_k$  in Stage B. In Stage D, each node other than the source node in  $L_k$  transmits the **warning** message, and the source node broadcasts the source message. Thereby the source node can confirm the completion of RB.

In st-ARB, we use the RB and RG in the subgraph induced by  $L_k$  (not necessarily strongly connected). In order to apply the RB algorithm for strongly connected graphs to our algorithm, it is sufficient to perform the task for all reachable nodes. About the RG algorithm, it is not necessary to perform the task for all reachable nodes. Any algorithm of RB and RG can be applied to our algorithm if each node knows the completion time. We consider an extension of the RB that broadcasts from several source nodes with the same messages to all reachable nodes, and use the algorithm that performs such an extended RB in Stage D. Since the algorithm does not depend on the information of the source node, it can perform an RB in the situation such that several source nodes exist.

**st-ARB** Phase 0 consists of one round, the node with ID 1 acts as a transmitter and sends its ID in this phase. The other nodes act as receivers.

Hereafter, we explain phase  $k(> 0)$  of st-ARB. Stages A and C are the same as that of bi-ARB. Every node that is not a transmitter is a receiver in the explanation.

*Stage A.* Rounds in Stage A of phase  $k$  are numbered by integers  $2^{k-1} + 1, \dots, 2^{k-1} + 2^{k-1}$ . In round number  $i$  of Stage A, the only node  $v$  with ID  $i$  acts as a transmitter and sends a message  $ID(v)$ .

*Stage B.* Stage B consists of  $RG(2^k)$  rounds. In Stage B each node  $v$  in  $L_k$  acts as a transmitter, gossiping the message  $\langle ID(v), \min(N_v^k) \rangle$ . If  $\min(N_v^k) = \lambda$ , the node  $v$  sends no message.

*Stage C.* Rounds in Stage C of phase  $k$  are numbered by integers  $1, \dots, 2^k$ . In round number  $i$  of Stage C, the node  $v$  with ID  $i$  acts as a receiver. The node with ID  $\min(N_v^k)$  and the nodes whose IDs are larger than  $2^k$  act as transmitters, sending their own IDs.

Every node  $v$  not receiving  $\min(N_v^k)$  in the round  $ID(v)$ , is set to the state **warned**.

*Stage D.* Stage D consists of  $2 \cdot RB(2^k)$  rounds. First, each node sends a **warning** message if it is **warned**. Next, if the source does not receive the **warning** message, it knows that there is no node in  $L_k$  whose in-neighbors have  $ID > 2^k$  and then broadcasts the source message; otherwise it knows that there still exist nodes in  $L_k$  whose in-neighbors have  $ID > 2^k$  and then it becomes **warned**, and shifts to the next phase.

#### 4.1.1. Correctness of algorithm st-ARB

**Lemma 2.** *If there are **warned** nodes in the strongly connected graph after phase  $k$  of st-ARB, then there is a path from at least one **warned** node to the source node that contains only nodes whose IDs are not larger than  $2^k$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $v$  be some **warned** node. In the original graph, there is a path from  $v$  to the source. If there are nodes with  $ID > 2^k$  in this path, let the out-neighbor of the last of them in the path be  $v'$ . The path from  $v'$  to the source proves the lemma.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.** *Algorithm st-ARB performs ARB in time  $O(6n + \sum_{i=1}^{\lceil \log n \rceil} \{2 \cdot RB(2^i) + RG(2^i)\})$  in any strongly connected graphs with  $n$  nodes, where  $n \geq 2$  and  $RB(k)$  and  $RG(k)$  denote the number of rounds of any extended RB and RG algorithm for  $k$ -node strongly connected graphs in which each node knows the completion time, respectively.*

**Proof.** Let  $l$  be such that  $2^{l-1} < n \leq 2^l$ . It is enough to show that

- (1) After phase  $l$  all nodes of the network get the source message.
- (2) At the end of phase  $l$  the source node has not been **warned**.

In order to prove (1) consider phase  $l$ . Since  $L_l$  is the entire network, each node considers the upper bound of the number of nodes is  $2^l$  and broadcasts this, then every node gets the source message. The completion time of this algorithm is at most

$$\sum_{i=1}^l \{3 \cdot 2^{i-1} + 2 \cdot RB(2^i) + RG(2^i)\} \leq 6n + \sum_{i=1}^{\lceil \log n \rceil} \{2 \cdot RB(2^i) + RG(2^i)\}.$$

We prove (2). Since Stage A is the same as that of bi-ARB for phase  $k$ , any node  $v$  knows  $N_v^k$  in the stage.



In Stage B each node  $v$  in  $L_k$  gossips  $\langle \text{ID}(v), \min(N_v^k) \rangle$ . If the gossiping is performed correctly, in Stage C only one node in  $N_v^k$  can act as a transmitter. If  $L_k$  does not contain all nodes of the graph, the induced subgraph by  $L_k$  is not necessarily strongly connected and the gossiping of all messages is not secured. But  $L_l$  contains all nodes in the graph, and thus all messages are gossiped correctly.

Stage C is also the same as that of bi-ARB, and each node  $v$  recognizes whether it knows all its in-neighbors. Similarly to bi-ARB, the node  $v$  having in-neighbors with ID larger than  $2^k$  cannot receive  $\min(N_v^k)$  in round  $\text{ID}(v)$ . The node  $v$  which could not receive  $\min(N_v^k)$ , recognizes that it does not know all in-neighbors, and becomes **warned**. If there is no node with  $\text{ID} > 2^k$  in the graph, all messages are gossiped in Stage B. It means that  $v$  can receive  $\min(N_v^k)$  in Stage C, and does not become **warned**.

In Stage D each node confirms whether it receives the **warning** message or not, and the source node sends the source message. From Lemma 2 if there exists at least one **warned** node, its **warning** message reaches the source node. Then the source node knows that there exist nodes in the graph with  $\text{ID} > 2^k$ . Consider phase  $l$ ; since there is no node in the graph with  $\text{ID} > 2^l$ , each message of any node is gossiped to all nodes in Stage B correctly. Therefore, any node does not become **warned** in Stage C. Hence, the source node confirms the completion of RB and is not **warned** at the end of phase  $l$ , since  $L_l$  is the entire network and there is no **warned** node in the graph.  $\square$

We obtain the following corollary from Theorem 3 using the  $O(n \log^2 n)$ -time broadcasting algorithm from [4] and the  $O(n^{4/3} \log^{10/3} n)$ -time gossiping algorithm from [8]. The broadcasting Algorithm from [4] can perform the extended RB. The algorithm consists of stages, with each stage having  $\log n + 1 = O(\log n)$  steps. For each  $j = 0, \dots, \log n$  let  $\bar{S}_j = (S_{j,0}, S_{j,1}, \dots, S_{j,m_j-1})$  be a  $2^j$ -selector with  $m_j = O(2^j \log n)$  sets, and the transmission set at the  $j$ th step of stage  $s$  is  $S_{j, s \bmod m_j}$ , where  $w$ -selector is defined as follows: given a positive integer  $w$ , a family  $\bar{S}$  of sets is called a  $w$ -selector if it satisfies the following property: For any two disjoint sets  $X, Y \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  with  $w/2 \leq |X| \leq w$  and  $|Y| \leq w$ , there exists a set in  $\bar{S}$  such that  $|S \cap X| = 1$  and  $S \cap Y = \emptyset$ . Since each node does not use the information whether it is the source or not and does not depend on the message it received in the previous round, RB can be done on the condition that several source nodes have the same message. Each node can compute the completion time of each algorithm under the assumption that it knows the upper bound of the IDs of all nodes in the network.

**Corollary 2.** Algorithm st-ARB performs ARB in time  $O(n^{4/3} \log^{10/3} n)$ , for any strongly connected graphs with  $n \geq 2$ .

**Message size.** Let  $S$  be the maximum length of the message transmitted each time and let  $r$  be the length of the source message. In Stages A and C, each node transmits at most one ID, thus  $S = O(\log n)$ . In Stage B, each node  $v$  gossips  $\text{ID}(v)$  and  $\min(N_v^k)$ , thus  $S = O(n \log n)$ . In Stage D, each node transmits a **warning** message, the source node transmits the source message, and thus  $S = O(r)$ . Hence the maximum message size is at most  $O(r + n \log n)$  for algorithm st-ARB.

#### 4.2. Algorithm st-ARG

The ARG algorithm st-ARG for strongly connected graphs is obtained by changing a part of st-ARB.

Algorithm st-ARG works in phases, numbered by consecutive positive integers just like st-ARB. Stages A, B, and C are the same as those of st-ARB. We perform ARG by changing Stage D. Stage D consists of  $RB(2^k) + RG(2^k)$  rounds. The first step, where each node confirms whether it receives the **warning** message or not, is the same as that of Stage D of st-ARB. If a node does not receive a **warning** message, it knows that there is no node with  $\text{ID} > 2^k$  and gossips its own message; otherwise it knows that there still exist nodes with  $\text{ID} > 2^k$  and becomes **warned**, then shifts to the next phase.

**Theorem 4.** Algorithm st-ARG performs ARG in time  $O(6n + \sum_{i=1}^{\lceil \log n \rceil} \{RB(2^i) + 2 \cdot RG(2^i)\})$  for any strongly connected graph with  $n$  nodes, where  $n \geq 2$  and  $RB(k)$  and  $RG(k)$  denote the number of the rounds of any RB and RG algorithm for  $k$ -node strongly connected graphs in which each node knows the completion time, respectively.

We obtain the following corollary from Theorem 4 using the  $O(n \log^2 n)$ -time broadcasting algorithm from [4] and the  $O(n^{4/3} \log^{10/3} n)$ -time gossiping algorithm from [8] as well as Corollary 2.

**Corollary 3.** Algorithm *st-ARG* performs ARG in time  $O(n^{4/3} \log^{10/3} n)$ , for any strongly connected graph with  $n$  nodes, where  $n \geq 2$ .

**Message size.** Let  $S$  be the maximum length of the message transmitted each time, and let  $r$  be the length of the message each node has. In Stages A, B, and C,  $S = O(n \log n)$  is the same as that of *st-ARB*. In Stage D, each node  $v$  broadcasts a **warning** message and gossips its own message, thus  $S = O(rn)$ . Hence the maximum message size is at most  $O(rn + n \log n)$  for algorithm *st-ARG*.

## 5. Conclusion

In this paper, on the model without collision detection we show that we can construct deterministic and distributed ARB algorithms for bidirectional graphs in time  $O(n)$ , and for strongly connected graphs in time  $O(6n + \sum_{i=1}^{\lceil \log n \rceil} \{2 \cdot RB(2^i) + RG(2^i)\})$ , where  $n$  is the number of the nodes in the graphs and  $n \geq 2$ . We also show that each of our ARB algorithms can be extended to ARG algorithms.

We would like to find out if a leader election may be done faster than using the broadcast algorithm, and convergecast faster than gossip.

Our algorithms can be improved if we can find more efficient leader election algorithms for bidirectional graphs and if ARB can be achieved without using RG for strongly connected graphs.

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## Appendix. Algorithm for each node

Here we show the pseudocode of our algorithm *bi-ARB* in Fig. 3. Each node  $v$  executes the pseudocode, where *receive*( $R$ ) is the procedure which tries to receive a message, denoted as  $R$ . It returns “true” if it received a message, or “false” if not. Since the goal of ARB is to achieve RB and inform the source about the completion of RB, only the source node terminates the pseudocode in Fig. 3. But, we can easily modify the pseudocode for each node to terminate it by repeating one more phase. It is enough that the source node informs every node about the completion of RB in an additional phase.

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var  $N_v^k$  : set of integers      init  $\emptyset$ ;
       $Q_v$  : set of integers      init  $\emptyset$ ;
       $Min_v$  : set of integers    init  $\emptyset$ ;
       $v.id$  : integer             init ID of node  $v$  itself;
       $first$  : integer           init  $-1$ ;
       $i, k$  : integer;

begin
  { Phase 0: }
  if  $v.id = 1$  then send  $\langle ID(v) \rangle$ 
  else if receive( $R$ ) then  $N_v^k := \{\text{sender's ID of } R\}$ ;
   $k := 1$ 
  { Phase 1, . . . : }
  repeat
    { Stage A: }
    for  $i := 1$  to  $2^{k-1}$  do
      if  $v.id = 2^{k-1} + i$  then send  $\langle ID(v) \rangle$ 
      else if receive( $R$ ) then
         $N_v^k := N_v^k \cup \{\text{sender's ID of } R\}$ ;
    { Stage B: }

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for  $i := 1$  to  $2^k$  do
  if  $v.id = i$  then send a message to  $\min(N_v^k)$ 
  else if receive( $R$ ) then
    if  $R$  is the message to  $v$  then
       $Min_v := Min_v \cup \{\text{sender's ID of } R\};$ 
  { Stage C: }
for  $i := 1$  to  $2^k$  do
  if  $v.id = i$  then
    if receive( $R$ ) = false then become warned
    else if  $i \in Min_v$  then send  $\langle ID(v) \rangle$ 
    else if  $v.id \geq 2^k$  then send  $\langle ID(v) \rangle$ 
    else receive( $R$ );
  { Stage D: }
   $Q_v := N_v^k; i := 0;$ 
  if  $v$  is the source then begin
    send  $\langle ID(v), \text{visited} \rangle; i := i + 1$ 
  end
  while  $i < 2^{k+1} - 2$  do begin
    if receive( $R$ ) then begin
       $Q_v := Q_v - \{\text{sender's ID of } R\};$ 
      if  $R$  is a token to  $v$  then begin
        if  $first = -1$  then  $first := \text{sender's ID of } R;$ 
        if  $R$  contains warning message then
          become warned;
        if  $Q_v = \emptyset$  then
          send  $\langle ID(v), \text{visited} \rangle$  to its neighbors and a token to the node  $first$  (append
            warning message if warned)
        else
          send a token to the node with the smallest ID in  $Q_v;$ 
           $i := i + 1$ 
        end
      end;
       $i := i + 1$ 
    end;
     $k := k + 1$ 
  until  $v$  is the source &  $v$  is not warned;
end.

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Fig. 3. Pseudocode of bi-ARB.

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